Telephone Advisory Committees in U.P.

122. SHRI SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telephone Advisory Committees in Uttar Pradesh have been desolved after functioning for more than six months;

(b) if so, what are th reasons therefor;

(c) when are these committees lik-ly to be reconstituted; and

(d) whether Government propose to give due representation to the mem bers belonging to the nationally re cognised political parties on these committees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, these Committees were constituted earlier but suspended for further action on 28th June, 1991.

(b) These Committees were reviewed when the new Government came into power.

(c) These Telephone Advisory Co-mmittees were reconstituted as under:

Allahabad Telephone Disrict	:	2.2.1992
Meerut Telephone District	:	19.2.1992
Ghaziabad Telephone District	:	25.3.1992
Uttar Pradesh Telecom. Circle Lucknow	:	5.2.1992

The remaining Telephone Advisory Committees of Agra, Kanpur, Luck-noy and Varanasi are under the process of reconstitution.

(d) Due consideration is given to various interests while forming the Telephone Advisory Committees.

Installation of telephone connection in Bombay

123. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether *it* is a fact that the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) Bombay is in uttar sam-bles and there is rampant corruption in the installation of new telephones even those sanctioned on priority basis by his Ministry/Department of Telecommunications and on the re-commendations of the Members of Parliament out of their quota, their shifting and in all other related matters;

(b) what is the normal time lag between the installation of telephone instrument in case of a new connection and the actual functioning thereof;

(c) what is the number of cases in which sanctions had been issued by his ministry/DOT and where the Telephone connections have not so far been installed as on the 16th April, 1992 and how long will it take to do the needful; and

(d) what steps Government pro pose to take to overhaul the Manage rial/Deputy Managerial set up in the MTNL, Bombay to make it efficient and business like?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Normally it takes about four to eight days to energise the telephone connection installed at a particular place.

(c) About 310 sanctions for provision of telephone connections on out of turn basis are pending as on